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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Karl J. Puttlitz

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 13-16, 18-20 and 24-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-11 and 13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-1618 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 20 and 29-31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/28/2005 has been entered.

The outstanding rejections under section 112, first paragraph are withdrawn. Specifically, in view of the level of skill in the art, along with the guidance in the specification, those of ordinary skill would not require undue experimentation to select appropriate cyclodextrin polymers, inclusion complexes and therapeutic agents. In this same vein, applicant indeed possesses these elements based on the description in the specification, and the level of skill in the art.

The outstanding rejection under section 103 is withdrawn since Argawl fails to provide any motivation to modify its disclosure to include compositions comprising polymers of cyclodextrin.

The following is new ground of rejection:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 14-16, 18, 19 and 22-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 99/47172 (WO 172).

The claims are drawn to, inter alia, a method of preparing a composition, comprising combining a therapeutic agent, a cyclodextrin-containing polymer having host and/or guest functionality, and a complexing agent to form the composition, wherein said cyclodextrin-containing polymer and said complexing agent form an inclusion complex, and said therapeutic agent, polymer, and complexing agent are separate molecules.

WO 172 teaches pharmaceutical compositions for oral administration comprising cyclodextrines and therapeutic agents. See pages 4 and 5.

WO 172 fails to explicitly teach the physical characteristics of the composition set forth in the dependent claims. However, WO 172 substantially teaches the compositions set forth in the claims, and therefore, absent any objective evidence to the contrary, the physical characteristics of the compositions are within the motivation of those of ordinary skill, and therefore, prima facie obvious.

Claim Objections

Claims 20 and 29-31 are allowable outside of dependence on a rejected claims. Therefore these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and including all of the features of any intervening claim.

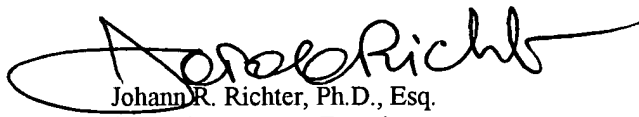
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl J. Puttlitz whose telephone number is (571) 272-0645. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter, can be reached at telephone number (571) 272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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